

REMARKS

Claims 1-27 and 29-48 were pending up to this Amendment.

Claims 1-26 and 29-72 are rejected.

Claims 1-26 and 29-72 are cancelled.

Claim 27 is allowed.

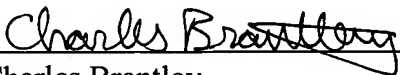
Claim 27 is pending as a result of this Amendment.

Applicants have cancelled claims 1-26 and 29-72 in the interest of publishing the allowable claim. However, Applicants intend to further pursue these cancelled claims in a continuation application. Applicants will bear in mind the Examiner's comments in this Office Action regarding those claims. Accordingly, Applicants request that claims 1-26 and 29-72 be cancelled without prejudice.

In light of the above amendments and remarks, Applicants submit the application is in condition for issuance. If there are any matters which may be resolved or clarified through a telephone interview, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants' undersigned attorney at the number indicated.

Respectfully submitted,

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